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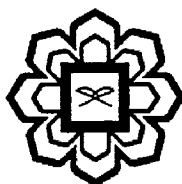
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CHAPTER 2

OPTIMIZATION OF THE EXTRACTION PROCESS PARAMETER FOR KENAF SEEDS OIL TO OBTAIN HIGH OIL YIELD

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ABSTRACT

Kenaf (*Hibiscus cannabinus*) from the family of Malvaceae is a valuable fibre plant native to India and Africa. Kenaf is composed of various active components including tannins, polyphenolics, alkaloids, essential oils and steroids. In this study, kenaf seeds variety Khon kaen was used as a material in finding the optimum parameter in extracting seed oil that give the highest oil yield. Seeds were extracted using Soxhlet (control) and Supercritical Fluid Extractor (SFE). Extraction was performed at different temperature (40 to 80°C) and pressure (200 to 600 bars), respectively. Among these two parameters, temperature at 60°C shows the highest impact on the oil yield while the pressure at 600 bar is still not enough to obtain high oil yield.

Keywords: *Kenaf seeds oil, oil yiled, Supercritical Fluid Extractor (SFE)*

INTRODUCTION

Kenaf or its scientific name, *Hibiscus cannabinus L.* is an herbaceous annual fiber crop of the Malvaceae family. The composition of kenaf seeds oil is almost similar to cotton seeds except that it does not contain gossypol, a toxic phenolic pigment (Charles, 2002). The oil from kenaf seeds has high content of unsaturated fatty acids, linoleic acid, phospholipids and phytosterols (Mohamed, Bhardwaj, Hamama, & Webber III, 1995). In recent studies, it is reported that kenaf seeds oil is proved to have anti-oxidants (Chan & Ismail, 2009). Based on their study, we might suggest that, since kenaf seeds oil contains high anti-oxidant compound, there is high probability that it might also contain anticancer compounds.

There are various methods to extract seeds oil such as using soxhlet, normal stirring, ultrasonic irradiation, microwave irradiation and supercritical carbon dioxide. (Abbasi, Rezaei, & Rashidi, 2008). However, many reasearches showed that the seeds oil extracted from supercritical carbon dioxide is solvent free, hence it is free from toxic, can be carried out at lower temperature and also less time consuming as compared to other extraction methods (Chan & Ismail, 2009). Therefore this study aimed to obtain highest oil yield from kenaf seeds.